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## Wet Spring with Warm Days and Cool Nights Enhance Wheat Crop

A wet spring with warm days and cool nights has enhanced the wheat crop. According to the June 2, 2008 crop progress report, wheat was rated in mostly good to excellent condition with nearly all fields headed.

**Maryland:** The winter wheat crop in Maryland is expected to yield an average of 66 bushels per acre. The average yield is forecasted at two bushels per acre less than last year's average of 68 bushels per acre, but up 2 bushels from the May 1 forecast. This average yield, combined with harvested acreage of 215,000 acres, translates to an overall production level of 14,190,000 bushels.

**Delaware:** The winter wheat crop in Delaware is expected to yield an average 70 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the May 1 forecast. Much needed rain during the month of May have increased the expectation for yield. If realized, this yield will produce 5,460,000 bushels from 78,000 harvested acres.

**United States:** Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.82 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and 20 percent above 2007. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 3.1 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 40.2 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

## Winter Wheat

	Harvested (1,000 Acres)		Avg. Yield (Bu)		Production (1,000 Bu)	
	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>
Maryland	170	215	68.0	66.0	11,560	14,190
Delaware	55	78	68.0	70.0	3,740	5,460
United States	35,952	40,162	42.2	45.3	1,515,989	1,817,364

<sup>1</sup> Forecast